



Docket No. 1344.1043

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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Naomasa Shimojoh

Group Art Unit: 3663

Serial No: 09/634,912

Examiner: Stephen C. Cunningham

Filed: August 9, 2000

For: **OPTICAL AMPLIFIER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, having a shortened period for response set to expire on December 25, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please Amend claims 1, 18 and 31-35 as follows:

1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) An optical amplifier for amplifying wavelength division multiplexed signal light which has respective optical signals of a first wavelength band of a C band containing a plurality of optical signals with several wavelengths different from each other and a second wavelength band of a L band containing a plurality of optical signals with several wavelengths different from the wavelengths of the optical signals contained in the first wavelength band, comprising:

optical amplifying means amplifying said wavelength division multiplexed signal light using a rare earth element doped fiber to which excitation light is supplied,



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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL	Attorney Docket No.	1344.1043	
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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/01)					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	31	- 28 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7	- 4 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	0.00
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